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FOR THE  
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OF  
NEW-ENGLAND.

**F**ORasmuch as *Roger Williams* his slanderous Book of Lyes against the People of God who in Scorn are called *Quakers*, hath been encouraged and spread against them who are the true *Protestants*, and the Church of Christ, that is reformed into the primitive Life, Doctrine, Spirit, Light, Grace and Truth of Christ, that the Apostles were in, and Christ alone being Head of their Church, is exercising his Prophetical and Kingly Offices amongst them by his Power and Spirit, as he did in the Apostles days.

And seeing *Roger Williams* hath some Instances in his Book concerning *Cesar*, and of giving *Cesar his Due*, &c. From which we do observe, that *Roger Williams* would have the Governours of *New-England* reputed as the *Cesars*, and so would have the things that are *Cesars* to be rendred unto them.

But how like to those *Pharisees* and *Herodians* that came tempting Christ, hath *R. W.* shewed himself in much of his work against the *Quakers* (so called?)

Now let us read the Scriptures, and see what they speak of it.

And the *Pharisees* took Counsell together, how they might tempt *Jesus* in his Talk, and they sent their Disciples unto Christ, and the *Herodians*, saying, Master, we know thou thou art true, and teachest the Way of God in Truth, neither carest thou for any mans face: now regardest thou the Person of *Adam*.

Now see what flattering and deceitful Language they spake to Christ in their tempting of him; and they might think they pleased Christ in the using this flattering Language, but they were deceived.

And then said the Pharisees and Herodians unto Christ, Tell us, what thinkest thou? whether is it lawful to give Tribute unto Caesar, or not?

Now this they spake, thinking by it to get Advantage, and to entrap him in his words, but they were deceived; for Jesus perceiving their Wickedness, said, Why tempt ye me, ye Hypocrites? Shew me the Tribute-Money; and they brought unto him a Penny, in value seven pence half-penny; and Jesus said unto them (to wit, the Pharisees and Herodians) Whose Image is this and Supercription, that is upon the Money? or Whose Image doth it bear? And they said unto him, Caesar's. Then Christ answered and said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's. And when these Herodians and Pharisees heard his words, they marvelled, and went their way; for it was time, he had to stoppe their Mouthes, and frustrated their Design. *Matth. 22. from vers. 14. to 21. and Mark 12. & 13. and Luke 20. 20. and Rom. 13. 7.*

Now here Christ's words were plain, *Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things which are God's.* So Caesar must have his things; for his Image and Supercription manifests his Things, his Tributes, his Custom, &c. And render unto God the things that are God's; for God's Image and Supercription does manifest his things, and his Stamp or Seal is upon his things, which belong to him.

So Caesar must have his things, and God must have his. But Caesar must not have God's Things, that which must be rendered to God; if he doth, he will go beyond his Supercription and Image, which manifests his Due. So Caesar's things are kept in their place for him, and God's things must be kept in their place for God, as Christ hath distinguished them.

Now if the New-England Governours, and all other persecuting Governours in what place soever, who have charged the People of God called Quakers (who are reformed into the Grace,



Grace, Light, Truth, Power and Spirit of Christ, that the Apostles were in, and so are the true Protestant Church of Christ. That they have not given the *Cæsars* (as you attribute the Title to yourselves) their *Due*, or rendered unto them the things which belong to the *Cæsars*, as you would be called. But where did ever any that professed Christianity, call themselves *Cæsars*? for *Cæsar*, that was so called in Christ's time and after, was the Roman Emperor. But have not the People of God in *Corinth* called *Quæters* rendered unto you *Cæsar*, your Tributes, and paid your Customs and your Taxes, according to the Laws of the Nation, equally with their Neighbours, according to proportion, that they might live a Godly and a Peaceable Life under *Cæsar's* Government? and wherein they could not for Conscience sake, they suffered patiently: Else where have they been backward with any of their Earthly Things or Outward Things? but they have paid their proportion, according to their Ability, as I said before, of all Tributes Taxes and Customs.

And therefore who can justly say or complain, that we have not rendered unto *Cæsar* the things which are *Cæsar's*, his outward Taxes and Customs, according to your Image and Superscription? But now if *Cæsar* will take upon him to have all, and take God's Due and his own Due too, and so will not let God have his own things, which are due to him; then you may see all along throughout the Scriptures what became of such *Cæsars*, that have not been content with the things which were to be rendered unto them; but they would have the things also which were to be rendered unto God. And by such *Cæsars* God's People have suffered in all ages, because they could not render those things unto *Cæsar* that belonged unto God; though they were never against giving *Cæsar* the things which belonged unto him, his Taxes, his Customs and Tributes, according to his Image and Superscription.

Now, for *Cæsars* to make Ministers of Christ, and to endow them with Gifts, and send them forth to preach, it was not *Cæsar's* Work nor Office, but Christ's: for Christ, who hath all Power in Heaven and in Earth given unto him, who first descended into the lower parts of the Earth, and is ascended far above

all Heavens, that he might fill all things; he gives Gifts unto men for the Work of the Ministry, &c. and makes some Apostles, some Prophets, some Evangelists, some Pastors and some Teachers, for the perfecting of the Saints, for the Work of the Ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ, till they all come to the Unity of the Faith, and the Knowledge of the Son of God, and unto a perfect Man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, *Ephes. 4.*

Now all these things belong to God and Christ (to wit) giving men Gifts for the Work of the Ministry, and so make them Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers: these things belong unto God and Christ, not unto *Cesar*; its name of *Cesar's* work. For we read of some of the *Cesars* that persecuted the Apostles: For is it not written that *Peter* and *Paul* were beheaded under one of the *Cesars*? But *Cesar* must have his Due, that which his Image and Supercription declares to be his. And God and Christ must have their Due, and the things which belong unto them.

Its true, *Cesar* may make Ministers by Natural Tongues and Arts, and set his Image and Supercription upon them, and they may go under his Power and Authority to preach: But those are but Natural Men, if they learn all the Natural Languages and Arts upon the Earth; but the Natural Men know not the Things of God.

And therefore how can these Natural Men and Natural Teachers render unto God the things which are God's, when they know them not, and are erred from the Spirit, by which the Things of God are only to be known and discerned?

And they are not like to know the Things of God, whilst they hate the Light of Christ (which is the Life in him) and quench his Spirit, and walk desolately against the Spirit of Grace, which hath appeared unto all men, by which they might know the things of God, and for what is God's Due. And so to render unto God the things which be God's, and unto *Cesar* the things which be *Cesar's*: But the things which are God's, must

not be rendered unto *Cesar*; for he cannot justly expect it, because it is not his Due, but God's. So the things which are his, are to be rendered to him, which bear his Image and Superscription, which is his Due.

*Now concerning Maintenance of Ministers, with Tythes and Offerings, and Hire or Set Wages.*

**T**YTHES in the old Covenant were not *Cesar's*, but God's, and belonged to the First Priesthood, and were commanded by the Law of God.

And the Rulers or Kings amongst the *Jews* did not take them, nor graunt them; for they were the Lord's Gift unto the Tribe of *Levi*: and the Widows, Strangers and Fatherless were to be maintained out of them.

And this old Covenant and Law was to serve till Christ the Seed came, the new Covenant: and when Christ came, he changed this Priesthood, and abolished all those Ceremonies in the Law, and ended the old Covenant of Works, and disannulled this Law, that gave *Levi* his Tythes.

And then in the new Covenant, Christ sends forth his Apostles, Ministers and Disciples, and saith unto them, *Freely ye have received, freely give.*

So here the new Covenant is not according to the old; for those things in the old Covenant, which God had commanded, as Priests, and Offerings, and Sacrifices, and Tythes, which was the Priests Maintenance in the old Covenant, because they had no Lot in the Land: and the High Priest was to have the Tenth of the Tenth.

Now Christ, our High Priest, abolishes this Priesthood and his Maintenance; and he himself, who is the heavenly and spiritual *Levi*, takes no Tythes; but commands his Ministers and Ministers, whom he sends forth, that had received freely of him, to give it freely again: and further, he said unto them,

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Into what so ever Town or City they come, what so ever man he findeth them, that is call for the Labourer, or worthy of his salary? And moreover Christ saith unto his Disciples, The Harvest is great and the Labourers few, pray therefore unto your Father, that he may send forth Labourers into his Vineyard.

So it is the work of Christ and his Father, to send forth Ministers and Labourers, Apostles and Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers into the Nations, and into his Vineyard, and to give it forth freely, as they have received it of him freely: And this Work is not, nor was it the work of Caesar, for Caesar Persecuted such. And Caesar may send forth his own Natural Ministers with their Natural Tongues and Arts, bearing his Image, and give them Maintenance. But them that God and Christ send forth, bear Gods and Christs Image, and do render unto God and Christ the things that are theirs.

So it was not for Caesar to provide for Benefices and Parsonages for Christs Ministers; God and Christ bid not Caesar provide for them, which Christ sent amongst the Jews, and into all Nations, and if People will not give them Tythes, Money, or Maintenance, take their Goods from them, or cast them into Prison: nay, they were far off from that, for Christ bid and commanded his Ministers, Freely you have received, freely give again. Therefore it is not Caesars due, according to his Image and Supercription, to make Ministers of Christ, and send them forth, and provide for them Maintenance, that are not his things to do, but they are the things that belong to God and Christ, which must be rendered to them.

But Caesar may make and train up Orators in the Knowledge and Learning of the Arts and Science, as of Philosophy and Rhetoric, Astrology and Astronomy, Logic, Grammar, and such like, and to teach Natural men the Natural Tongues and Languages, so that they may be fitted to go with his Embassies, and other Ambassadors, and so for such he may provide them Maintenance. But as for Christs free Ministers, which he sends forth with his Holy Spirit by Embassies, or Message, into all Nations, he provides for them, for it is his due, for they bear his Image and Supercription, and they are to give freely, as they have received, which Caesars Ministers,

Ministers, which bear his Image and Superscription do not, who having payed, as they say, for their Learning, they must have Money for it again.

Neither did Christ give any command to his Disciples, the twelve nor the seventy, which he sent amongst the Jews, and after into all Nations to preach the Gospel (who had all Power in Heaven and Earth given to him) that any of them should Fine and Imprison any, that would not hear them or pay them; neither did he put any of the *Cesars* upon any such work, which belonged not to them: But he told his Messengers and Ministers, *They should eat and drink such things as were set before them, for the Labourer is worthy of his Meat.*

And the Apostle bids the Saints, the true Christians, *Ephes. 6. Put on the whole Armour of God, that they might be able to stand in the Evil Day; And they were to gird their Loins about with Truth, and to have on the Breast-plate of Righteousness, and their Feet to be shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace; and above all things to take the shield of Faith, wherewith they might be able to quench the fiery Darts of the Wicked; and they were to take the Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which was the Word of God: For we wrestle not against Flesh and Blood, [Mark, we the Apostles, nor we the true Christians] but with the Rulers of the Darkness and spiritual Wickedness, &c. And our Weapons are not Carnal, but Spiritual, &c.* So here you may see the true Christians Armour, and their Weapons, and with what, and what they wrestled against.

Now these Weapons, and this Armour, the Ministers of Christ, the Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers and Elders of Christ Jesus, they had them not from *Cesar*, but from God and Christ; for *Cesar* did not Arm them with them, though he may Arm his own Natural Ministers with outward Carnal Weapons: but the Ministers of Christ were Armed by God and Christ with Spiritual Weapons and Armour.

So the things of God must be rendered unto God, and the things of *Cesar* must be rendered unto *Cesar*: For *Cesar* doth not Arm men with such Armour, but God and Christ; for *Cesar's* Weapons which he may Arm his Ministers withal are Carnal, with which they may wrestle with Flesh and Blood.



But these are not Christs, nor his Ministers Weapons nor Armour: For their Armour and Weapons are Spiritual, as was said before, and so it is God and Christs due, and their things so to Arm their Ministers and Messengers, who bear Gods and Christs Image and Superscription. And again, Christ saith, *Where two or three are gathered together in my Name, I will be in the midst of them.* So Christ is in the midst of this Assembly, Meeting or Gathering, exercising his Offices. And again, Christ saith, *No man can come to me, except my Father draw him.* So this is not the Work nor the Things of *Cesar*, to gather People in the Name of Jesus, these things belong to God and Christ, and he hath the Glory of his Work; though *Cesars* may persecute such an Assembly, because they are not gathered in his Name. So to be in the midst of the Assemblies gathered together in Christs Name, exercising his Offices, is the work and things of Christ, and his due so to do, and not *Cesars*, with his outward Armour and Carnal Weapons, which he is to use against the Evil-doer, which is his due so to do.

And it is Christ that lighteth every man that cometh into the World, which Light is the Life in him, by whom the World was made, who was before the Foundation of the World. And he commands them to believe in his Light, that they may become Children of Light. So it is the work of God and Christ to teach People whom, and what to believe in; this is their thing and due, and not *Cesars*, who do teach People to believe in this Way, or the other Way, this Religion or the other Religion, of his own making and setting up: For God so loved the World, that he gave his only begotten Son into the World, that whosoever believeth in him should not Perish, but have Everlasting Life.

So its God and Christs work to teach men how to believe, and what to believe in, who is their Maker and Saviour, and not *Cesars*, so to draw People from their belief in God and Christ, to what *Cesar* set up to believe in, that hath spoiled the People, and brought many into Sufferings, as may be seen throughout all the Scriptures and Histories, because they would not believe as *Cesar* would have them, and conform to what *Cesar* would have



have them. And the Law came by *Moses*, which Law held up all those things in the old Covenant, the Offerings, Sacrifices, Priests and Titles; this Law was not from *Cesar*, but from God; and this Law served till the Seed Christ came from God, and when Christ the Seed came, he ended that Law, and abolished all those things and Ceremonies which the old Law commanded in the old Covenant: and so Christ takes away the first, and establishes the second; the new Covenant and Law of Life, which is in himself, which makes People free from the Law of Sin and Death; and this is God and Christ's Work and Due, and the things that belong to them, and not *Cesars*.

So Grace and Truth is come by Jesus Christ; And the Grace of God, as the Apostle saith, which brings Salvation, hath appeared unto all Men. Then all men must come to this Grace and Truth in their Hearts, if they will have Salvation, and receive it, which the Apostles confessed they had received it, and were the Receivers and Believers in the Light of Christ Jesus, and so then became Children of the Light, and preached the New Covenant of Light and Grace to every Man, and the Gospel to all Nations.

Now this Grace and Truth is the Work and Things of God and Christ, and not *Cesars*, by which God and Christ's Ministers and Messengers preach the New Covenant of Grace and Light in Peoples Hearts: and therefore Christ said unto them, Go into all Nations and Preach the Gospel; and he breathed upon them, and bid them receive the Holy Ghost: And Peter said, That the Gospel which they preached was from Heaven, sent by the Holy Ghost.

And the Apostle certifies the Church, That the Gospel which he preached, was not after Man; for he neither received it of man, nor was taught it of man, but by the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

So it is plain, that this Gospel is God's and Christ's, and not *Cesar's*; and the sending of them forth was God and Christ's Work, and not *Cesar's*, by whom the Churches were gathered and established in the Gospel, and Grace, and Truth, which came by Jesus Christ; so that they were established by the Power and Spirit of Christ, and not by *Cesar's*: So these things are

not *Cæsar's* Work nor due to do, but God and Christ's in the new Covenant; for all these things bear God and Christ's Image and Supercription. For you may read how the *Cæsars* did persecute the Apostles and primitive *Christians*. And the *Jews*, that were the greatest Professors of the Scriptures, and the Cryers up of *Cæsar*, would not have Christ to rule, but cryed against him, and persecuted him to Death: And therefore Christ told them, that *the things which belonged to Cæsar, should be given unto him; and that which belonged to God, should be given unto him.* So *Cæsar* must have his Due, and God and Christ must have their Due.

And Christ saith, *I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; and no man cometh to the Father but by me.*

So then this new & living Way, by which all people must come unto God and Christ, is not of *Cæsar's* setting up, or ordaining: And Christ being the Rock and Foundation, which no other is to be laid, but what is already laid, Christ Jesus, who was the Foundation of the Prophets and Apostles, and hath been the Foundation of all true *Christians* unto this day; then this Rock and Foundation is not laid by *Cæsar*, nor can be set up by him; but these things belong unto God and Christ, for they bear Gods Image and Supercription. And so God and Christ must have their Things, their Due; and *Cæsar* must have his Due, his Tribute, his Custom and Taxes, for his work (to wit) *the Punishment of the Evil-doers, and Praise of them that do well.*

And the *Cæsars* have laid many Foundations; and set up many Ways, and forced and compelled People to walk in their Ways, and build upon their Foundations; and one *Cæsar* after another hath plucked down the former Foundations and Ways, and set up others, and then hath compelled People to walk in other new Ways; and if they would not deny Christ, and his new and living Way, and follow *Cæsar's*; then some of the *Cæsars* have caused them to suffer, though they could not say but in all Ages the People of God did render unto *Cæsar* the things that were *Cæsar's*; his Tribute and Taxes, and unto God the things that are God's.

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*Concerning the Worship that God and Christ set up, that belongs to God and Christ, and not to Cæsar.*

**F**OR the Worship of the Jew in the old Covenant was set up by God, and not by Cæsar, which served till Christ the Seed came, and then was abolished by him, who set up a more glorious Covenant and Law of Life, which makes free from the Law of Sin and Death. And so the Law goes out of Heavenly *Sion*, and the Word out of Heavenly *Jerusalem*: For Christ is the Elect and Precious Stone, that is laid in *Sion*. So this Law and this Word are from God and Christ, and their Things, and bear their Image and Supercription; and not the things of any Persecuting Cæsars.

And in the new Covenant Christ said to the Woman of *Samaritania*, when she said, *Our Fore-Fathers worshipped in this Mountain: and ye say, at Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship*; But Christ answered her, and said, *Woman, believe me [Mark, believe me] the Hour cometh, and now is, when ye shall neither worship the Father in this Mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem [Mark, the Hour cometh, and now is, that neither at this Mountain, nor at Jerusalem they should worship the Father.]* So here Christ abolishes these two prime Places of Worship; and there were the highest Professors in the World. And Christ further saith unto the Woman, *Ye (to wit, the Samaritans), worship ye know not what: and first he said, We know what we worship, for Salvation is of the Jews: For the Hour cometh, and now is.* [Mark, now is; it was then present that he abolished the Worship at the Mountain, and at Jerusalem in that Hour, for he saith.] *The Hour cometh, and now is, that ye shall neither worship the Father at this Mountain, nor at Jerusalem, but the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. For God is a Spirit, and they that worship him, must worship him in Spirit and in the Truth.*

So this was Christ's Work, to abolish that old Worship at the Mountain and at Jerusalem in the old Covenant, and to set up the new in the new Covenant; this was God and Christ's Due and Things, and not *Caesar's*:

Now, God pouring out of his Spirit upon all flesh in his new Covenant, & every man that cometh in: the world being enlightened by Christ Jesus with a heavenly and spiritual Light, and then Grace of God, which bringeth Salvation, having appeared unto all men; and this Grace, and Truth, is come by Jesus Christ, so that they might believe in the Light, and be in the New Covenant of Grace and Light: and this Grace, and Light should teach them that receives it how to Worship God in the Spirit and Truth, and to deny Ungodliness; and this Grace brings their Salvation. Now this Grace and Truth, Light and Spirit, which is come by Jesus, is come into, and poured into the Hearts of People by God and Christ. And therefore, God seeks People to Worship him in his Truth and in his Spirit. Now this Worship is not set up by *Caesar*, for *Caesar* doth not give them this Grace, Truth and Light (which is the Life in Christ) nor this Spirit; for it is poured out from God, of his Spirit, that People should Worship God in Spirit and Truth, who is the Father of this Spirit, Grace, Truth and Light unto People. And therefore, it is God that seeks People to Worship him in this Spirit and Truth, which are his Gifts and Things. For they are not *Caesar's* Things; nor Worship, but God's, which God and Christ set up, bearing his Image and Supercription in Peoples Hearts. So they must render unto God the Things which be God's, and unto *Caesar* the Things that are *Caesar's*, which bear his Image and Supercription.

So it is clear, that Christ set up this Worship in Spirit and Truth above sixteen Hundred Years since, and not *Caesar*. And no *Caesars* can set up a better Worship than Christ hath set up, though *Caesar* may invent many Worships, and compel People to them, and Imprison, Fine and Banish, upon pain of Death; and also put them to Death, and Persecute and Spoil their Goods, because they cannot conform to *Caesar's* Worship, and maintain

his Ministers; as you *New-England* Governours, that would be accounted as *Cesars*, have done: but such are not Christs nor Gods Worshippers, nor Ministers, their Fruits have declared it. For Christ, as I said before, bid his Ministers *freely* as give, as they had *freely* received; and this is Christs command and not *Cesar*. Neither doth Christ say, That they as Err from the Truth, and quench and vex his Spirit; and so do not Worship God in Spirit and in Truth, that *Cesar* should imprison them, Whip them, Cut off their Ears, Hang them, and Bastish them; as you who compare your selves to *Cesar* have done in *New-England*. For God saith, *He will reward every man according to his Works*; and Vengeance is his; and the Portion of them that quench his Spirit, and rebel against him, and walk deceitfully against the Spirit of Grace, and deny the Lord Jesus Christ that bought them, and hate his Light, such will know Condemnation and Punishment enough from the Lord, who will judge the World in Righteousness; and their Portion is sufficiently declared. For he will judge the World according to the Gospel that is preached to every Creature under Heaven. And Christ is the Head of his Church, and his Church is Living Stones, Members of him, which he sanctifies and hath purchased with his Blood, and cleanses and washes, and presents to God. And this is the Work of Christ, and not *Cesar*'s; to order his Church with his Power and Spirit, and to govern it with his Power and Wisdom, which is his Spouse, Bride and Wife, and not *Cesar*'s Wife, which is Christs Due and Things; and not *Cesar*'s. For *Cesar*'s Weapons are for the Punishment of the Evil-doers, and for the Praise of them that do Well; for which he is to have his Tribute, his Customs, his Due. But ye may read in the Chronicles, how the *Cesars* did persecute the Ministers and Messengers of Christ Jesus, and Christs Church, his Wife. And you may see how many *Cesars* have persecuted People, where and when Christ hath appeared in them, as Histories declares; which have gone beyond and received more then their Due, and would have those Things given unto them which belonged unto God and Christ, which was not *Cesar*'s Due.

And the Apostle saith to the Church, *They should look unto Jesus*



Jesus the Author and Finisher of their Faith: And further, it is laid, Faith is the Gift of God. Then Caesar is not the Author of this True Faith, nor Finisher; though since the Apostles days they have made many Faiths and Creeds, as the Church-Faith that was made in Oliver's days by the Priests and others; and were not We persecuted for denying that Faith? and a Friend threatned to be brought to Smithfield to be burnt for denying of it.

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So *Casar* cannot make nor give Faith, for it is the Gift of God, and Christ Jesus is the Author and Finisher of that Precious, Holy, Divine, Catholick Faith, which is the Victory, and pacifies the Heart, by which People have access to God, and in which Faith they please God. And this Divine, Precious, Faith bears God and Christ's Image, and is their Things, and belongs to them, to give and work it in Peoples Hearts, and not *Casar*; for *Casar* hath not Power over a Man's Faith; for the Apostle denied it, who said, *They had not Power over Mens Faith*. And if you should ask, who then hath Power over mens Faith? We say, God and Christ, who is the Author and Finisher of it, and it belongs to them, and they must have their Due, who are the Givers of every Good and Perfect Gift.

And so Christ is the Supporter, Defender and Increaser of this Faith in people, by which they grow from Faith to Faith.

And Christ said unto his Disciples, I have prayed for you, that your Faith fail not: and they shall stand in the presence of the Son of Man.

So it is Christ that doth encrease his Peoples Faith, who is the Author and Finisher thereof: And to these Things of God and Christ, which bear their Image and Supercription belong not to *Cesar*, nor are his Due; for the *Cesars* have persecuted many of God and Christs faithful People for keeping in the Faith and in the Testimony of Jesus, as in the Histories may be seen at large.

And the specific faith to the Church, they have lost, was  
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*Now concerning Religion.*

**J**AMES saith, *Pure Religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the Fatherless and Widows in their Affliction, and to keep themselves unspotted of the World.*

Now, this Religion must be above the World's, that keeps from the spots of the World; for it is an undefiled thing before God the Father, and pure; therefore it must be above the Impure and Defiled.

So it must needs be a pure Principle of Light and Life, and of the Power of God, that keeps in this pure and undefiled estate, from the Spots of the World, and in this tender state to visit the Fatherless and Widows in their Affliction. And this pure and undefiled Religion, that keeps from the Spots of the World, is God's and Christ's, and not *Cesar's*, nor such as plead for a Body of Sin and Death to the Grave, nor others, who plead for a Purgatory to cleanse them in, when they are dead. And this Religion bears the Image of God and Christ, which things they must have that come from them, and in which all People must Honour the Lord, in this undefiled Religion. So the things that belong to God must be rendred to him, and the things that belong to *Cesar*, that bear his Image, must be rendred unto him: So this pure undefiled Religion is from God, and not from *Cesar*.

And you may see, those that lived in this pure Religion, that kept them from the Spots of the World, they were persecuted by the *Cesars*; though every *Cesar* in the whole World had a Religion, and a Worship, and Faiths, and Wayes, and Ministers of their own making, with their Natural Tongues, Arts and Gifts.

But the Apostle tells you, *The World by wisdom knows not God; and the natural Man perceives not the things of God; for they are spiritually discerned.*

Now, if a man hath learned all the Natural Arts, Sciences,

and Tongues in the World, they are but natural, and seek to get all the Wisdom in the World, by it they know not God; *for the World by its Wisdom knows not God*: For the greatest Professors amongst the *Jews* in the Apostles Dayes looked for Signs, and the *Greeks* sought after Wisdom; but to preach Christ crucified to them, the *Jews* stumbled at that, and the wise *Gracians* counted it Foolishness: And so it is with the Professors without Possession, and to the Worldly Wise now. And when *Paul* preached Christ crucified and risen to King *Agrippa*, he thought *Paul* was besides himself; but to them that obey the Call of Christ in his Grace and Light, of what sort soever, *Jews* or *Greeks*, Christ is the Power and Wisdom of God to them, and made unto them Righteousness, Sanctification and Redemption, and such can Glory in the Lord.

And the Apostle Exhorts People to *Pray in the Spirit, and to Sing in the Spirit, with Grace in their Hearts.*

So it must be in that which bears the Image of God and Christ, and so belongs unto God and Christ, and not unto *Cesar*. For God and Christ gives men Grace, and Truth, and the Spirit, and Light to Pray, Sing, Worship and Serve him in, and to give Thanks to God in, for all his Gifts, Mercies and heavenly Blessings unto them, which brings them to be Partakers of another World, Life and Kingdom that hath no End: And these Things belong to God, and he must have his Due, and the Praise must be rendered to his Sacred Majesty, for that which he gives unto them of his heavenly Treasure that hath his Image, which all these Things belong to the Lord, for they bear his Image and Supercription, having their Names written in the Lamb's Book of Life, before the Foundation of the World, who are the Epistles of Christ, written not with Paper and Ink, but with the Spirit of the Living God; such bear (as I said before) the Image and Supercription of the Lord God and his Son, written with his heavenly Finger. So the Things which belong to God all must render to God, his Gifts, his Faith, his Worship, his Religion, his Living Stones, his Church, which Christ the holy One is Head of, who presents them to God without Spot or Wrinkle.

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So these Things belong to God and Christ, and not to *Cesar*, and God and Christ must have their Due, and *Cesar* his Due, his Customs, his Tributes, and his Taxes, according to his Image and Superscription, which belong to him; but *Cesar* must not have that which belongs to God, nor persecute People, because they cannot give him that in Matters of Faith, Worship, and pure Religion, Praying or Praising, or Singing in the Spirit, or sending forth Ministers to preach for Christ, or Begisting of them, or giving forth freely to others, as Christ the Lord and Master commanded, *as they had received freely, freely they should give*, who go forth to preach in the Power and Spirit of Christ: These things are above *Cesar's* things, and belong to God and Christ to be rendred to them, because they come from them, and bear his Image and Superscription, and not *Cesar's*.

But if you *Casars* will have all, not only that which belongs to you, but that also, which belongs to God and Christ, his Worship, his Faith, Religion, Praying, Singing, Preaching, and of Begisting Ministers, and Making of them, and sending of them forth to preach, and whosoever walk contrary to your Commands in these Things of God and Christ, which belong not to you, you will Whip, Banish, Hang, Cut off Ears, & Brand them with your Hot-Irons, & Persecute and Spoil the Goods of such as do not conform to your Wills and Commands herein; Where then hath God and Christ their Due, and the Things that belong unto them, when *Cesar* will have all? Nay, Christ and his Twelve nor Seventy Disciples shall not meet together, because they do not observe *Casars* Religions, and Ministers, and Places of Worship, and conform to them; and because they have not their Power from *Cesar*, and do not meet in the Name of *Cesar*, but in the Name of *Jesus Christ*, who hath all Power in Heaven and Earth given unto him; who hath promised to be in the midst of them: They must suffer Persecution for giving God and Christ those Things which belong unto them, though they give also *Cesar* his Due: Is not this a taking of God and Christ's Things, and giving them to *Cesar*, which are not his Due, nor belong not unto him, but to God & Christ?

Due, and belong unto them, though *Caesar* is not denyed his Due, according to his Image and Superscription? For the *Jews* that cryed-up *Caesar*, asked Christ, By what Authority he did those Things, and in whose Name? he did not say it was in the Name of *Caesar*: And the Apostles that were to go through all Nations to preach the Gospel, and give freely, it was in Christ's Name and Authority they went (and not in *Caesar's*) who had all Power in Heaven and Earth given unto him. So these Things belong to God and Christ, and not to *Caesar*: And this is not to slight *Caesar*, nor any Magistrates upon the Earth, that God hath ordained for the Punishment of Evil-doers, &c. but they are to be respected and prayed for with the Spirit of God, and as the Spirit gives them utterance to pray for them, and all Men in Authority, and to honour them in the Lord, and all men; and them that Rule well are worthy of double Honour and double Esteem; and this praying is to be from the Heart without Hypocrisie or Feignedness, Flattery or Dissimulation; and these Things are ordained of God for his People to do; and this Spirit of Prayer and Supplication is from God and Christ, and not from *Caesar*, though with it they are to pray for *Caesar* and all men in Authority: For Christ hath tasted Death for every man, and Christ's Love in that is manifested to all men; and so must his Peoples Love be manifested in their praying for *Caesars*, and all in Authority, and all men.

And did not Christ say to his Disciples, *That some should think, that in Killing of them they should do God good Service?*

Now, from hence it may be considered, These were a People that did profess God, and had made a Profession of the Scriptures. And do not you think, that since the Days of Christ in the Flesh, and the Apostles, that these great Professors of God and the Scripture; who have put so many to Death for not conforming to their Religion, Ways, Worships, Church and Teachers, that they have not also thought, that they have done God good Service? And have they not fulfilled Christ's words who do think so still? And that you, *New-England Caesars*, as you would be esteemed, have thought you have done God good Service in Whipping, Banishing, Hanging, Cutting off Ear, and

and Branding in the Fore-head the Lambs and Servants of Christ, for not conforming to your Religion?

For Christ saith in *John 16.* to his Disciples, *Ye, the Time shall come, that whosoever killeth you, will think, that he doth God good Service. These things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father nor Me; But these things I have told you, that when the Time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.*

Now, here you may see, these did not know the Father nor the Son, though they thought they did God good Service in the killing of his Servants. And Christ did fore-see and fore-tell, that these Things should come; it seems, it was not come in that Time then, but it should come after.

Now, have not you *New-England* Professors and Priests, that plead for *Cesar's Due*, and all other Persecutors and Killers about Religion, Church, Faith and Worship, and yet are great Professors of the Scriptures, and of God and Christ, think you have done God good Service in Killing of his Sheep, his Servants?

But Christ plainly tells such in the same Chapter, *That they neither knew the Father nor the Son; for if they had known the Father or the Son, they would not do so.* And also, Christ saith to his Disciples, who would have had Fire to have come down from Heaven to have destroyed such as would not receive him: Christ turned about and rebuked them, telling them, *They knew not what Spirit they were of; for he came not to Destroy mens Lives, but to Save them.*

So its clear, that Christ builds his Church with his saving Spirit, and not with that Spirit which destroys mens Lives about Church, Worship, Faith and Religion. So Christ rebuked that Spirit in his Disciples, that would have had Fire to come down from Heaven to have destroyed them that would not receive Christ, telling them, *they knew not what Spirit they were of.* So if they do not know what Spirit they are of, that have destroyed mens Lives for not receiving their Ways, Worships, Faiths, Religions and Teachers, by Goats, Prisons, Hangings, and other Torturing Deaths; Is not this a more Dark and Revengeful Spirit then was in such that Christ rebuked, who would have

have prayed for Fire to come down to have consumed them that would not receive Christ; they thought to have done it by Prayer to God, and not laid violent hands upon them, and hale them into Prisons, and put Fetters and Locks upon them, till they had them to the Gallows. And therefore, are not you under a greater Rebuke, that have done it by carnal bloody hands and weapons, when the other would have done it only by Prayer, and yet came under the Rebuke of Christ, who told them, *he came not to Destroy mens Lives, but to Save them?*

Now it is not like, that such as do not know their own destroying Spirit, should build up the Church of Christ, or preach the saving Faith, Light and Gospel of Christ. For a destroying Spirit cannot build up the Church of Christ; for they are not like that know not God, nor the Son, nor their own destroying Spirit: For Christ that saves mens Lives is not a Destroyer of mens Lives about Faith, Worship and Religion: he is the Head of his Church, and not he that knows not his own Spirit, nor the Father, nor the Son.

So you may see, it is clear, that Christ fore-warneth his Apostles and Ministers, whose Weapons were *spiritual* and not *carnal*, *That whosoever killeth them would think that they did God good Service.*

Now these Killers about Religion, Faith, Church and Worship, were a People that professed God and the Scriptures; they were not a people that did not profess the living God, that made Gods of Wood and Stone; but a people that professed God; so not of the Heathen sort, though they were in the Heathenish Nature. And though they think it is a Service to God, to Kill such as do not conform to their Church, Religion, Ways, Worships and Ministers; Christ saith, the Cause is, *Because they neither know the Father nor me*, they were in such Darkness and Ignorance; and therefore such Bloody, Ignorant, Blind-zeeled men, as know not their own destroying Spirit, nor the Father nor the Son, are not like to build up *Sion* nor *Heavenly Jerusalem* in the New Covenant: For *David* was not to build an House for the Lord (to wit, the Temple) under the Law and the Old Covenant, because he was a Man of Blood; &c. And therefore



fore how can such as profess the New Covenant build up Zion and Heavenly Jerusalem, whose Hands are full of Blood and Persecution, and are Spoilers of peoples Goods, and Persecutors of some to Death, upon the account of Religion, and Worship of God and Christ, as they pretend: Therefore Heavenly Jerusalem and Heavenly Zion cannot be built up with such bloody Hands and blind Guides that knows not their own destroying Spirit, who lie under Christs Rebuke, and are ignorant both of the Father and of the Son; for they must be Living Stones, and Holy Members, that belong to the heavenly Jerusalem in the New Covenant; for no Unclean thing comes into it.

For David said to Solomon his Son, *It was in my Mind to build an House unto the Name of the Lord my God; but the Word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Thou hast shed Blood abundance, and made great Wars, therefore thou shalt not build an House unto my Name, because thou hast shed much Blood upon the Earth in my sight, 1 Chron. 22. 8.* And the Lord said to David, *Behold a Son shall be born unto thee, and I will give him Rest from his Enemies round about, and his Name shall be called Solomon, and I will give Peace and Quietness unto Israel in his Days, and he shall build my House, 1 Chron. 28. 3.*

And you may see in Ezekiel, 22. 10. such Rulers as were compared to Wolves, Ravening for the Prey to destroy Souls to get dishonest gain. And let New-England's Governours, that liken themselves to *Casars*, see how you can clear your selves of this.

And did not Ezekiel cry out, *Wo to that bloody City, to wit, Jerusalem, for Blood is in the midst of her shed.* And therefore see what came upon that City, that was defiled with the Blood of the Innocent; and therefore the Lord said, *Wo to the bloody City, I will even make the Pile of her Fire great.* And doth not Nahum cry, *Wo to the bloody City, who were full of Lyes and Robbery, and the Prey departed not from her, to wit Nineveh;* and did not he tell them the Destruction of it? And see how Habakkuk cries out against Blood, *Wo be unto him that builds his City with Blood, and establishes it with Iniquity.* And did not the Lord send Micah to cry against the Jews, and their Priests, Prophets, and Heads in the time of the Law and Old Covenant,

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how that they build up Sion with Blood, and Jerusalem with Iniquity.

So you may see in the Old Covenant, that neither *Sion*, nor *Jerusalem*, nor the Temple, which was to be built with outward Stones, was not to be built with Blood nor Iniquity; for it was forbidden by the Lord God and his Prophets: and because they had built *Sion* with Blood, and *Jerusalem* with Iniquity, he told them, *That Sion*, in the Old Covenant, *should be ploughed up like a Field*, and *Jerusalem* *should be in Heaps*, and the *Mountain of the House* as the high place of the *Forrest*. So such Builders bring their *Sion* like a barren Field, and their *Jerusalem* into Heaps, and the Mountain of their House like the Mountain of a Forrest, a barren place. This they were brought into in the Old Covenant, that were Builders with Blood and Persecution, their *Sion* and *Jerusalem*; and you may read how the Prophets were Persecuted by these bloody-handed men.

But the Lord said in *Isa. 26. 21.* *Behold the Lord cometh out of his place, to punish the Inhabitants of the Earth for their Iniquity; the Earth also shall disclose her Blood, and shall no more cover her Slain.*

And therefore consider this all you *Cesars*, and others, that have shed mens Blood for Religion; for doth not Christ say in *Matthew 23.* from 33. to the end, that he would send Prophets and wise men? &c. *And some they should Kill and Scourge in their Synagogues, and Persecute them from City to City, that upon you may come all the Righteous Blood shed upon the Earth, from the Blood of Righteous Abel to the blood of Zachariah, shed betwixt the Temple and the Altar.* And Christ cried *Wo* unto *Jerusalem* that killed and stoned the Prophets that were sent unto them, and said, *That their Houses should be left Desolate, &c.* Now were not these the great professing Jews, that professed God and his Scriptures, that thought they did God good Service in killing his Prophets and Servants? and do ye think that Christ, who thus judged them, and called them *Serpents*, and a *Generation of Vipers*, and asked them, how they could think to escape the Damnation of Hell, that did act such things against the Righteous and faithful Servants and Prophets of God upon the account of Religion?

Religion? And do you think that Christ, who so Judged and Reproved such in the Old Covenant, will justify all your Persecutions and sheddings of Blood, upon the account of Church, Worship and Religion in the dayes of the New Covenant? Though you may pretend you do God and Christ good Service in so doing, as the *Jews* did; whereas Christ told such Pretenders in the Dayes of the Old Covenant, *They were of their Father the Devil, and his Works they would do*; and he rebuked his Disciples, that would have Fire come down from Heaven to consume such as would not receive him, and told them; *They knew not what Spirit they were of; for he came not to destroy mens Lives, but to save them*: and so such know neither the Father nor the Son, nor their own destroying Spirit, that destroy mens Lives upon the account of Religion, Church, Faith and Worship; though in so doing they think they do God and Christ good Service; but they are mistaken, and are doing the Devil's Service, and are under the Rebuke of Christ, and are of the same Generation whom Christ called Vipers and Serpents, who could not think to escape the Damnation of Hell. And do not you deserve a greater Punishment from God and Christ then they in the Old Covenant? that profess you know more then they in the Old Covenant; and therefore do not you think that your Punishment will be the greater? And were not those *Jews* called wicked Hands that took and crucified Christ? *Acts 2. 22.* and can yours be clean, that do Persecute Christ in his Members?

And doth not the Apostle in *Rom. 3. 15.* relate of *Such whose Feet were swift to shed Blood, and Destruction and Adversity was in their wayes, and the way of Peace they have not known, and there was no fear of God before their Eyes?*

Now if the professing *Jews* were such, how differ the professing *Christians* that are found walking in their steps, and practising their Evil Deeds? and how can they think to escape the same Judgments? And doth not *John* declare against such, *Rev. 16.* that had shed the Blood of the Saints and the Prophets? *in her*, to wit, the false Church, *Mystery Babylon*, was found the Blood of the Prophets, and of the Saints. And in *Rev. 18. 26.* 34. how the Lord does avenge the Blood of his Saints; and

judges this Whore, the false Church, that hath corrupted the Earth, and avengeth the Blood of his Saints and Servants: and was it *Pilate* that mingled the Blood of the *Gallileans* with their Sacrifices. And have not many that profess themselves *Christians* done as bad other wayes, who thought they had done God good Service in killing his Servants, when they have lifted up their Bloody and Unholy Hands in their Sacrifices? which Sacrifice and destroying Spirit, *Christ* will not accept (but rebukes) no more then he did *Cains*.

So all that are called *Christians*, you cannot build up *Sion* nor heavenly *Jerusalem* with Blood; for they were Judged that did so in the Old Covenant; and much more you that profess the New, do come under the Judgment and the Rebuke of *Christ*. And hath it not been the Beast and the Whore since the Prophets dayes, that hath drunk the Blood of the Martyrs and Saints of *Christ*, for not conforming to drink of the Whore's Cup; and not conforming to the Beast and Dragons Worship? And have not these made a Profession of God, and thought they had done God good Service in Killing the Servants of God amongst the *Christians*, as they thought they did amongst the *Jews*? And do not you think the Earth will disclose the Blood of such as hath been covered? You that think you do God good Service in killing the Servants of God, you deceive yourselves; for you do not God's Service, but the Devil's: For *Christ* tells you, *You know not the Father, nor the Son, nor what Spirit you are of*. And hath not all this Killing and Persecuting been about Religion and Worship for God and *Christ's* sake? And was it not so amongst the *Jews*? And *David* could not build the Lord an House, because he had been a Man of Blood and War.

Now such as pretend to build an House, a Church, or a *Sion*, or a *Jerusalem* for God and *Christ*, and set up a Worship, Way and Religion, and Persecute, and Kill, and Spoil the Goods of such as will not conform: Is not this a building up their *Sion* with Blood? and yet there is no comparison betwixt them and *David* in the Old Covenant; For we do not read that he killed any of the Prophets of God, but acted like a Man of War, in the dayes of the Old Covenant according to the Law, and yet he was not to build an House for the Lord.

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But in the dayes of the New Covenant the Weapons of Christ's Followers and Ministers were to be Spiritual, and not Carnal, in all the matters of Faith, Worship and Religion, and they did not wrestle with Flesh and Blood: and all *Christendom* is to obey this Command of Christ, to let the Wheat and the Tares grow together till the Harvest come, which is the end of the World, and then the Lord would send his Angels, not *Cesars*, to gather the Wheat into the Garner, and to bind the Tares in Bundles, and cast them into the Fire. So this is the Lords work, and belongs unto him, and not unto *Cesar*. And *Paul* saith, *I am clear from the Blood of all men.* And I would all that are called *Christians* in the whole World could say so, that they were clear and pure from the Blood of all men. For the Apostle saith, *I take you to Record this day, to wit, the Church, that I am clear from the Blood of all Men.* He never used any Violence, neither laid he violent Hands upon any; for he said, his Weapons were Spiritual, since he was a *Christian*. And the Apostle exhorts to Praying, *Lifting up pure Hands without Wrath and Doubting.* And Christ exhorts to Pray, *And when they Pray, to forgive men their Trespases, as your heavenly Father forgives you your Trespases.*

So the *Christians* Weapons and Armour about Religion or Worship, Faith and Church is Spiritual, and not Carnal; for their Faith and Worship is Spiritual, and Christ's Church is to be spiritually-minded.

And the Apostle tell you, *They did not wrestle with Flesh and Blood, but with the Rulers of Darkness and Spiritual Wickedness.*

And happy had all *Christendom* been, had they kept to these Spiritual Armour and Weapons to this day; then they would not have stirred up the Magistrates, like the persecuting Jews in the Old Covenant, *Help men of Israel against the Apostles.*

Now that the *Christians* should get their Weapons, and cry, Help Christian Magistrates, or help *Cesars* against the Friends of Christ, and true possessors of *Christianity*, as the Jews did against the Apostles, and so to fall upon them with Carnal Weapons, and run to Cuttlers for Swords, and Smiths Shops for Fencers, Bolts and Chains, and Gun Smiths for

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Guns and Halberds, and to Rope-makers for Halsters and Whips, and to Carpenters to make Gallowses: if the Apostles had used any of these Weapons, they had gathered but few to Christianity: Nay, these were Judas and his followers Weapons that they used against Christ, as those in their Spirit and Nature have since used against Christ's Members and Followers; and all such know neither the Father nor the Son, nor their own destroying Spirits, in their blind Zeal, but are under the Judgment and Rebukes of Christ, and are of the same Generation and Spirit which Christ called Vipers and Serpents, who could not think to escape the Damnation of Hell, whose Houses should be left desolate of all good.

So it is clear Gods heavenly Jerusalem and his Zion, in his New Covenant, is not built with Blood; For the Old one was not to be built with Blood and Iniquity, but with Trumpets and Joy. And therefore all are to cleanse their Hands and their Hearts from Sin and Iniquity, that they may have Holy Hands to lift up unto God, and that they may come to know Christ laid in Zion, the Elect and Precious Stone; and not in the Worlds Zion of Profession, that is built with Blood, nor the great wise Master Builders, in a Profession without the Possession; for such rejected Christ the Corner-stone.



## Now Concerning True Protestants.

**D**O not you *New-England* Professors, call yourselves the *Reformed Church*, and true Protestants? But what is a Protestant do not you say? Such as protest against the Pope and the Antichristian Wayes the Papists have set up.

Come then, we will Protest with you; but, first, we will try whether you be such *Christians* as the Apostles and Primitive *Christians* were, that followed the true Christ. For the *Papists* Weapons, by which they order and govern their Church, are Carnal, as Goals, Whips and Prisons, Swords, Gallows and Halters; And are not yours the same in *New-England*? How then are you found Protesters against the *Papists* Carnal Weapons, who maintain your Religion and Worship by them? For that cannot be Spiritual that is maintained by Carnal Weapons; for the Apostles Armour and Weapons were Spiritual, by which they maintained their Spiritual Worship, and Divine Faith, and Spiritual Baptism, and Circumcision, and Way.

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how then do you Protest against them in this their Practice, when you follow the Foot-steps of their Flock?

And darest not Christ forbid his Ministers to be called of Men *Masters*, who receive their Gifts from him who ascended up on high, and by his Gifts he made some Apostles, and some Pastors, and some Teachers, and Evangelists, and said unto them, *Freely you have received, freely give?*

But have not you instead of Protesting against this practice of the *Papists*, protested against this Doctrine of Christ, and will be called of Men *Masters* and *Doctors*, and will have so much a Year for Preaching, and some in other Places have their *Tythes* and *Easter-Weekings*, and *Midsummer Dues*?

Now were these things set up by Christ and the Apostles, or by the *Papists*?

And if by the *Papists*, and not by Christ nor his Apostles, as is evident; Then how can you Protest against the *Papists*, and call your selves the *Reformed Church*?

For did not many of the *Martyrs* suffer because they testified against *Tythes*, and would not hear, nor uphold, nor pay the *Papists* Priests?

And have not you fined the People of God called *Quakers* FIVE SHILLINGS a Day for not coming to hear your Priests, and spoiled their Goods? Have not the *Papists* done so, and made People suffer because they would not conform and give them *Tythes* and Maintenance, though Christ saith, *Freely you have received, freely give?*

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And the Apostle said, *We have not coveted any mans Silver, Gold or Apparel; but his own Hands ministered unto his Necessities.*

Now you that make People to suffer for not hearing your Priests, and others making them to suffer for not paying Tythes, and maintaining the Priests with Money; how can you protest against the *Papists*? For did not they set up this forc't Maintenance, and then forc't People to hear their Preachers? which was not the Practice of the Reformed Church in the Apostles dayes.

But do not you, instead of protesting against the *Papists* Practice in this particular, protest against Christ and the Apostles Doctrine, when you do not give freely what you do receive, but cover Mens Gold, Silver and Apparel, for what you give unto them?

And do not you Swear, and put Oaths upon People under a great Fine? as witness your last great Law; what great Fines you laid upon them that could not take the Oaths imposed by you, upon the Inhabitants or Traders with your Country?

And did not Christ and the Apostle forbid all Oaths and Swearing? And had you not this Swearing first from the *Papists*, and not from the *Christians* in the primitive times?

And therefore, how can you expect to be called true *Protestants*, or a truly Reformed Church, or *Protesters* against the *Papists*, whilst you are found in their Practice in this Particular also?

And other of you *Protestants*, so called, in other places; how do you call and observe CHRISTMASS

Day; CANDLEMASS Day; MICHAELMASS Day, LENT Time, EASTER and WHITSON-Tide, and other the Saints Dayes?

Now, had you these things from Christ and the Apostles, or from the *Papists*? which if you had not from Christ and the Apostles, but from the *Papists*, then how can ye protest against the *Papists*, whilst you are found in their Practices?

Or, How can you expect to be called or counted a Reformed Church, whilst you are found walking in their Steps, and keeping and observing their Days, as aforesaid?

Now, Had you all these things from the Book of the Scriptures of Truth, or from the *Papists* Books and Canons? If you say, *From the Scriptures of Truth*, then shew the Chapter and Verse where they are written and commanded, or practised amongst the primitive *Christians*, who were Reformed both from *Judaism* and *Heathenism*. And do not you manifest the Relicks of both in your Practice and Conformity, rather unto the *Papists*, than Reformation from their Wayes?

And have you this Order for Preaching, and Teaching by an Hour-Glasse, and for your Priests and Bishops to go in Black Coats, and other Garments, distinct from others. had you this from the Apostles, or from the *Papists*, and *Jews*, and *Chimerians*, who wore their Long Robes and Black Garments?

And if so, how can you Protest against the *Papists*, when you follow and imitate them in their Steps and Garments?

For we do not read, that the Apostles and Disci-  
ples of Christ went in Long Robes, or *Cherurims*  
Coats, but the *Scribes* and *Pharisees*, who loved to  
be called of men Masters; and affected Greetings in  
the Market place; and do not you the same? And  
had you not this also from the *Papists* or *Jews*, and  
not from the Apostles; in your seeking Honour one  
of another, and not the Honour that comes from  
God only; which Christ said, *How can you believe;*  
*that seek honour one of another, and not the Honour that*  
*comes from God only?*

And had you not your sprinkling of Infants, and  
Witnesses, and others having their God fathers and  
God Mothers, and Gospels, and signing with the Sign  
of the Cross, together with your Word Sacrament;  
had you not all this also from the *Papists* or  
from Christ and the Apostles? And is from the *Papists*,  
and not from the Apostles, Hence daily your pro-  
test against the *Papists*, who follow them in these  
Practices, and not the Apostles.

Now they that be of the true Reformed Church,  
it must be by the divine Grace, Truth, Light, and  
Spirit, and Power of God, and Holy Ghost, that  
did reform the primitive Church from both *Judaism*  
and *Nichianism*, and so to serve God in the new and  
living Way, and to worship God in the Spirit and in  
the Truth, which Truth and Holy Spirit moves all  
the soul and unclean Spirit out of us and from them.

Now how can any be called true *Protestants*, or a  
Reformed Church, as the Apostles and primitive  
*Christians* were, except they be found in the same  
Power, Spirit and Holy Ghost, Grace and Truth,  
and

and Baptized with the same Holy Ghost, and circumcised with the same Spirit as the Apostles and true Church was; and were in; and have the same spiritual Armour and Weapons to defend them in their Divine Spiritual Faith and Worship, Pure Religion and Living Way. For if they be not in this Spirit and Power the Apostles were in, how can you arrogate to yourselves the Title or Name of Protestants, and a Reformed Church, when you are not in the Nature, nor do not shew forth the Image of the primitive Church, but the Image of the Beast, whose Weapons are Carnal, wrestling with Flesh and Blood, like the Beast and Papists, and soldstrey Mens Lives with Outward Weapons about Religion. And this was not the Work of the Reformed Church in the Apostles dayes, who wrestled not with Flesh and Blood. And therefore, how can you profit against the Beast, Dragon and Papist, Jew and Heathen, whilst you hold up their Religion with their Weapons, and not with the Apostles Weapons and Armour, which is the Spirit and Power of Christ? And therefore, Amos 6. 1. They shall follow like the Practice of the Apostles, and primitive true Church, rather than of the Jew, Heathen and Papist, that they may come to be the Image of Christ and not the Image of the Beast, Jew, Heathen and Papist. Now how can any be called true Protestants, who are not in the Spirit and Power of Christ, as the Apostles and primitive Church were? And this is the Desire of him, that loves and seeks for the Reformation of People into Truth and true



true **CHRISTIANITY**; that so People may not be only Talkers of Christ, but Walkers in him; and not Sayers of the Word of Life only, but Doers of the Word of Life, lest they deceive their own Souls; and that they may shew forth the Works and the Fruits of the Good Spirit, and the Fruits of a New Heart, in the New Covenant; and that their Conversations may manifest, that they are in Heaven; and that they walk in the New and Living Way, over all the dead Wayes in old dead *Adam*: For Christ is the New and Living Way, who tasted Death for every Man, and is alive again, and lives for evermore; Glory to the Lord God through him forever and evermore, *Amen.*

This 24th of the  
3d Moneth,  
1679.

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THE END.